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Dear Mr. Grindstaff:

We are writing to express our interest in serving as the Independent Consultant to the Prime Consultant recently selected to support Council staff on the preparation of the Delta Plan. We have followed the establishment of the Delta Stewardship Council with great interest, and believe we are uniquely positioned to serve as the Independent Consultant.

Date:  
May 6, 2010

From your last Council meeting we understand that you are looking for a Consultant that does not have prior involvement in the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) or other major water and flood planning studies. ARCADIS is relatively new to the California water Market and has not been involved in any of these major studies. However, we bring a solid local presence of over 600 people in 25 offices in California.

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As a global company, headquartered in Arnhem, The Netherlands, ARCADIS has grown from its founding in 1888 as a small firm working on inland and coastal flood protection to being a leading, global, knowledge-driven service provider, active in the fields of infrastructure, environment, buildings and water. With more than 100 years of experience, we are aware of the lasting effects of our work. Employing more than 15,000 people worldwide, ARCADIS is one of the world's largest engineering, design and consultancy firms. ARCADIS tackles projects worldwide, but always with a profound understanding of local circumstances.

We are therefore committed to delta-related issues on a worldwide scale. For example, in New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta, ARCADIS is heavily involved in the planning and design of levees and storm surge barriers and also restoration of wetlands to reduce storm surges. We recently completed the design of a 20,000 cfs pump station as part of the West Closure Complex in New Orleans. In the Dutch Delta, we are involved in almost all major water projects, including the development and implementation of the Dutch Delta Plan which was released in 2008.

Imagine the result

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We are eager to get more involved in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and see working for the Council as a unique opportunity. The challenges the Delta Stewardship Council is facing are not unfamiliar to us. Proposing engineering solutions is relatively easy. The true challenge is in communicating and understanding the policy requirements and political dimensions. Similarly, ARCADIS led an intense process of balancing the economic and ecological benefits between the countries of the Netherlands and Belgium for the deepening of the Western Scheldt to provide access to the Port of Antwerp for larger vessels.

In California, ARCADIS heads the Delta Alliance, an international alliance between the Netherlands, California, Vietnam and Indonesia to share knowledge and expertise on climate change adaptation. The experience from other deltas in the world can help California find new alternatives for its delta challenges. Through these experiences around the globe we understand the need to change from exploitation to sustainability.

ARCADIS is also very familiar with California levees, and Delta levees in particular, as a result of our past work for Delta Wetlands, current work on DWR's Non Urban Levee Evaluation program. On the environmental side ARCADIS tackles a wide range of issues including remediation and restoration, ecological systems analysis, environmental planning and permitting. We are very familiar with the California HCP and NCCP processes although we are not directly involved in BDCP or any of the associated efforts. We do not have a conflict of interest.

We would like to emphasize that we are consultants who are focused on serving our clients and finding solutions to what sometime seems to be intractable problems. While we understand that our primary role would be simply to advise the council on the adequacy of the BDCP as an NCCP, particularly if there are appeals to the Council following DFG's determination of adequacy, we would welcome early participation in the process so that we might point out any problems initially so that the eventual result is more broadly acceptable.

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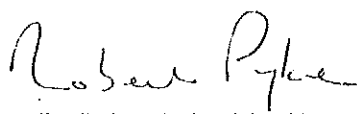
We would like the opportunity to meet with you to more fully describe our qualifications and our commitment to supporting the Council with our extensive knowledge and expertise on water conveyance, levees, ecological systems analysis, the preparation of NCCPs and related public policy issues. Please call me at 415.244.2118 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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